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SUBJECT: KREISKY REMARKS ON SOCIALIST INTERNATIONAL
MEETING

1. SUMMARY: UPON HIS RETURN FROM SOCIALIST
INTERNATIONAL (S.I.) WEEKEND MEETING IN LONDON,
CHANCELLOR KREISKY ANNOUNCED FORTHCOMING S.I.
INITIATIVE TOWARD ARAB STATES, TOUCHED ON HIS
REPORT DEALING WITH EVENTS LEADING TO CLOSING OF
SCHOENAU TRANSIT CENTER AND INSISTED THAT HIS
CONVERSATIONS WITH ISRAELI P.M. GOLDA MEIR WERE
FRIENDLY. END SUMMARY.

2. KREISKY TOOK CREDIT FOR PROPOSAL THAT S.I.
INITIATE A DIALOGUE WITH ARAB COUNTRIES IN WAKE
OF DIRECT CONTACTS NOW ESTABLISHED BETWEEN ISRAEL
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AND EHYPT. HE NOTED THAT DECEMBER 9 BUREAU

MEETING OF S.I. WOULD CHOOSE HIGH-LEVEL TEAM OF
SOCIALIST LEADERS, (INCLUDING HEADS OF GOVERNMENT)
TO BE COMPOSED OF AUSTRIANS, WEST GERMANS,
BRITAINS, AMONG OTHERS, WHO WILL TAKE "SOUNDINGS"
AMONG ARAB LEADERSHIP.

3. IN COMMENTING ON HIS REVIEW OF ARAB TERRORIST
INCIDENT, KREISKY REPORTEDLY TOLD S.I. LEADERS
THAT PLANNED CLOSURE OF SCHOENAU TRANSIT FACILITY
HAS NOT AND WILL NOT HINDER AUSTRIAN TRANSIT
OF SOVIET JEWISH EMIGRES. IN SUPPORT OF THIS
HE NOTED THAT 3,500 SOVIET JEWS PASSED THROUGH
AUSTRIA IN OCTOBER.

4. APPARENTLY SEEKING TO SQUELCH RUMORS THAT
STRONG DIFFERENCES CONTINUED TO PLAGUE HIS
RELATIONSHIP WITH GOLDA MEIR, KREISKY EMPHASIZED
THAT SHE NOW VIEWS AUSTRIAN ACTIVITIES REGARDING
SOVIET JEWISH EMIGRES IN FAR MORE FAVORABLE
LIGHT.

5. COMMENT: IT SEEMS REASONABLE THAT P.M.
MEIR WAS INDEED PLEASED TO HEAR THAT FLOW OF
JEWISH EMIGRES THROUGH AUSTRIA REACHED RECORD
PROPORTIONS IN OCTOBER AND THAT KREISKY PRESUMABLY
INFORMED HER OF GOA DECISION TO OPEN SHORTLY AN
ALTERNATE FACILITY TO SCHOENAU (SEPTTEL).HUMES

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